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27 One of the old Guard desires to thank you for your noble letter to Senator Blaine. It has the old Anti-Slavery ring to it. If you are not in the councils of the Nation you can still speak to them with your pen in thunder-tones as in the days of yore - to compromise with evil doers who will do injury to any human being. I am a stranger to you but not to the cause for which you spent your life. From the time the slaveholders murdered Lovejoy 40 years ago, in the free state of Illinois I have done what I could. If you will turn

to the file of the Liberator of 1860
you will find by the edition
of October 19th who I am: having
been tried and found guilty
and imprisoned in the Chicago
jail for violation of the Fugitive
Slave Law. There are still a few
of the old Anti-Slavery men
left in this section of Ills. who
would be glad to get a letter from
you. If our Government can not
stop the shedding of innocent blood
in the South what can we do?
Shall we raise funds to buy fire-
arms for the colored men so they
can protect themselves.

Yours for the rights of all men.
John Hoosack,